

MASS MEETING
ON SEPT. 5THAddresses Will be Made on Mat-
ter of National Highway

BOARD OF TRADE ACTS

Special Meeting Held and Committees Ap-
pointed to Arrange Program and En-
tertainment of Visitors

Fort Pierce and St. Lucie county will be on the map of the great National Highway for automobiles, which will stretch from New York city to Miami and be travelled by thousands of tourists during the coming winter.

Tentative plans, which have been in contemplation for several weeks past, have crystallized into a movement which will result in the organization of a Good Roads Association for this county on September 5th, on which date a delegation from the Miami Automobile and Good Roads Association will visit Fort Pierce and a mass meeting be held in the afternoon of that day in the court house.

The matter was taken up with C. H. Ward, secretary of the Miami Association, and an invitation extended through him by our local board of trade, for the members of the Miami association to meet here September 5th, with the county commissioners and the general public. This invitation has been accepted, and in addition to the Miami delegation, it is expected that members of the Jacksonville association as well as some from West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale will be in attendance. At this meeting addresses will be made by men who have been actively at work on the good roads question for many years, and to whom is due much of the credit for the completion of a project which will bring manifold benefits to this section of the State. The impetus given to the movement and the organization of a good roads association for St. Lucie county, which will be a main feature of the meeting, will result in the construction of a splendid hard road through the county, completing the great highway.

The route through this section was mapped out last June when a scout car, containing Secretary Ward and others, went over the proposed highway. It was found that the worst place along the route was the stretch between the St. Lucie river and Jensen. The Miami association offered to donate twenty-five carloads of rock, f. o. b., Fulford, to be used on this stretch, but it was not convenient to have the work done at that time, so the matter has been in abeyance until now. With the perfection of a good roads organization, and the incentive of a good example set by the counties north and south of us, there is no doubt that the portion of the great highway in St. Lucie county will be constructed within a short time.

With the completion of a hard road from Jacksonville to Miami, official announcement will declare the East Coast a part of the National Highway, making this section the mecca for hundreds of automobile parties, seeking the beauty of our climate as a relief from the rigors of a northern winter.

A special meeting of the Fort Pierce board of trade was held at the court house Tuesday night for the purpose of discussing the details of a program of entertainment on the occasion of the good roads meeting. President Penney stated the object of the call and at his request, J. K. Williams, Jr., read a communication from Secretary Ward, of the Miami association, stating their intention to make the run here September 5, suggesting that the board of trade adopt a resolution asking that the East Coast route be officially declared a portion of the National Highway. On motion Judge Hemmings and A. B. Brown were appointed a committee to draft such a resolution.

As a result of a general discussion relative to the program to be carried out September 5, it was decided to hold a mass meeting at the court house in the afternoon, to which the general public through the county will be invited, and at night a banquet and smoker will be given for the visitors and members of the board of trade. A motion prevailing to appoint a committee of arrangements, to include the president of the board, Mr. Penney selected J. K. Williams, Jr., as chairman, and at the latter's suggestion, named L. Roy White and J. E. Andrews.

Word was received yesterday by officials of the board of trade that H. B. Rame, vice president of the Jacksonville board of trade, will bring a party of board members from that city. Information from J. W. White and F. O. Miller, president and secretary, respectively, of the State Good Roads Association, brings the gratifying news that that organization will send a delegation. At a meeting of the Miami association, held Tuesday night, it was officially decided to make the run to Fort Pierce on Sept. 5. The plan adopted was to leave Miami at 5 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 5, and by brisk driving, reach Fort Pierce by noon. The Miami Metropolis car has been designated as the scout car for the run, and will set a pace that will insure arrival

here in time for lunch. The present indications are that at least sixteen cars will make the run and carry fifty or more, some of whom will be ladies. Among those already pledging their cars to go are R. B. Einig, John Seybold, E. B. Douglas, Dr. C. H. Van Dyke, The Miami Garage, Reed Bryan, of Lauderdale, E. A. Theed, George Romfh, B. T. McCrimmon, Ed. Romfh, J. H. Tatum, A. J. Kolb, John C. Hooks, F. A. Bryan, of Fort Lauderdale, The Miami Metropolis, Walter VanLandingham, R. L. Mills, Judge A. E. Heyser and J. W. Watson.

On the run from Miami to this point a number of automobiles will join the party, information from West Palm Beach being to the effect that probably sixteen cars, carrying sixty or more, will constitute a delegation from that city. Appropriate banners will be placed on all the cars, and each person in the party will wear a badge bearing the slogan, "Miami to Montreal."

Further details of the mass meeting and entertainment to be provided for the crowd of visitors who will be among us on this occasion, will be worked out during the interval between now and September 5, and the personnel of this committee having the arrangements in hand is such as to insure the unqualified success of the mass meeting and banquet to follow.

As the good roads movement in general, and this project in particular, affects every resident of our section, it is anticipated that the meeting to be held September 5 will be a rousing success both in point of attendance and enthusiasm.

ALL SECTIONS SWING
INTO LINE FOR WILSON

Monday last, Texas and Arkansas joined in the Wilson movement.

Last week Georgia spoke her mind. Two weeks ago Pennsylvania, after cringing before New York's financial and political slave-drivers for a generation, suddenly asserted her independence and elected to follow Wilson.

South Carolina, Maryland and Virginia have refused to listen to "Wall street."

Tennessee has declared her faith in the New Jersey governor.

California is enlisted in his cause. Oregon bespeaks him a man after her own heart.

Oklahoma, through her two great senators, has proclaimed her allegiance to the champion of rule by the people.

The Nebraska editors say: "It must be Wilson."

West Virginia declares, through her greatest newspapers, that she will not be influenced by Wall street's vindictive assaults upon the New Jersey governor.

Illinois has taken up the fight for independence from New York domination.

Indiana is ready to follow him.

In New England thousands upon thousands of progressive democrats and republicans have spoken.—Trenton (N. J.) True American.

A. E. Saeger, of Ancona, was in our city Wednesday.

FLORIDA'S GROWTH IS
MARVELOUS INDEED

Statistics of the growth in farm land values and farm development during the past ten years for the states comprised in the territory of the Southern Commercial Congress eloquently tell of the marvelous growth of Florida.

Sixteen states are included in the list and Florida is second in farm development in the last ten years, Oklahoma being the only state making greater progress, while in the increase in the value of farm lands, Georgia, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas are a few points ahead of Florida.

These figures are even better than was expected when it is remembered that Florida is only just now being seriously considered as an agricultural state, and the next ten years will show Florida as many points in the lead of any other state. Oklahoma not excepted.

Lands that sell for a few dollars an acre now in certain parts of Florida will produce more than the lands of the north which cannot be bought for many times as much, and the farmers of the times as such, and the farmers of the times are beginning to realize what cold north is in the Land of Enchantment.

There are dozens of reasons why Florida land values will increase rapidly during the next few years. The balmy climate is the greatest, of course, as it enables the farmer to cultivate some marketable crop every month of the year.

Another is that the Canadian cities will probably be open to the truckers of Florida before long and thus open up a greater market for our truck farmers. Then again, Florida cities are growing at a startling rate and are calling upon the farmers to furnish them with the good things which may be raised in the country.

Manufacturing concerns are finding that Florida lands are best suited to manufacturing concerns, and within a few years Florida will be filled with packing houses and canning factories to utilize the surplus crops of the farmers.

TO PROBE
HIGH PRICESFederal Government Will Institute
A Complete Investigation

WHO GETS THE PROFIT?

Bureau of Commerce and Labor Starts a
Thorough Inquiry That Will Consume
Nine Months of Diligent Work

A country-wide investigation of the wholesale and retail prices of all foods, which will require nine months to complete and which will represent the most thorough inquiry of its kind yet attempted, has been begun by the Bureau of Commerce and Labor. This investigation will cover the years 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911. By comparison with records of the Department of Agriculture for the same period, it will be possible to know just what prices were paid for every commodity now used, and from the time it left the producer until served at the table of the consumer.

The present investigation is the third of its kind attempted by the Bureau of Commerce and Labor. Four experts under the direction of F. V. Croxton are now touring the country in search of data. Over all of the experts is A. W. W. Hanger, chief statistician, to whom the records will be submitted before they are published.

Whether the data of this investigation will be made the subject of Congressional inquiry into the high cost of living or will be turned over to a committee of experts, who will seek from the figures at their command to evolve the solution of the high price of foods, will not be determined until some time this winter, when the report will be made public.

Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, a member of the Senate Investigating Committee, which reported on food prices more than a year ago, is in favor of the preparation of reports by the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Commerce and Labor so that they may be used as a basis of inquiry by some specially appointed body.

Recently Secretary Wilson's experts furnished statistics showing what the farmers of the country were receiving for their products. In this report it was shown that the agriculturist is receiving less now than he did ten years ago, and that he certainly is not benefiting by the high prices which the consumer pays. The report took up such commodities as milk, eggs, corn, wheat, rye and barley. Among other things, it showed that while retail prices fluctuate the prices paid the producers remain on an almost solid basis.

Where this report leaves off, the report of the Bureau of Labor will begin. It will discuss the middle man's profit, the wholesaler's profit, the jobbers profit and the retail merchant's profit, with the relation of each to the other.

All information such as the operation of the laws of supply and demand and the railroad's part in the food question, will be discussed in the report, but no remedies will be suggested. It is believed, however, that the report will furnish conclusions that will be invaluable to Congress in solving the problem.

"I believe the report will be more complete and will get closer to the subject than any report heretofore prepared," Mr. Hanger said.

"The information published in the bulletin will not be confined to actual prices, but will take up the causes which create these prices. Primarily, of course the effort is to learn what the working-

A FRIEND'S TRIBUTE TO
JOHN MILTON BRYAN

Fort Pierce, Fla., August 19, 1911.

Editor TRIBUNE:

In commemoration of the life and usefulness of an old comrade and fellow Confederate soldier, I turn to pay tribute to his memory.

The sad news of the death of Honorable John Milton Bryan has cast gloom over the State of Florida and especially to those who knew and loved him well.

John Milton Bryan was a man among men; he was a man of high and honorable purpose, sterling worth and character, noble impulse, great determination, sunshiny in nature and cheerful and lovable in disposition, a kind and sympathetic friend, a courteous gentleman and as brave as Julius Caesar and as artless as a child of nature.

I knew John Milton Bryan well. He was as brave and courageous a soldier as ever fought in war. We fought together under the same command and under the same flag. We fought together during the Indian war, from '56 to '58, in the State, when Florida was but a wilderness infested by Indians. We were then members of the United States Mounted Volunteers and endeavored, by main strength and with many privations to bear, to rid our Florida of a wild and treacherous foe.

Again it was, later on in '61, during that terrible and trying Civil war, we fought together in defense of our

homes, in defense of our honor and all that was dear to our hearts; we fought as we saw the right in that "Lost Cause." John Milton Bryan and I were then members of the same company, the 5th Florida Battalion of Cavalry, commanded by Captain J. D. Starke, and our regiment being under the command of Colonel George W. Scott of General Dickinson's division.

John Milton Bryan performed many deeds of valor during that memorable conflict, as well as during the Indian war in Florida.

I mourn with those who knew and loved him, and as his family mourn I bow in graceful submission to the Will of the Omnipotent One who wills the coming and the departure of us all.

The old Confederate soldiers are fast thinning in their ranks and low in the distance can be heard the sound of "taps" calling us one by one.

There is solace though in the thought that the life of my old comrade and fellow soldier, John Milton Bryan, has closed as it was designed; that its duties have been well performed; its pleasures enjoyed and its honors won. His day has run its course. There had been the dawn, the morning bright with preparation and hope, the noon-tide quick with its struggles and its activities, the evening rich in contentment, and when at last the undimmed sun had sunk in the west and the restful night had come to him, he laid down to sleep in peaceful and pleasant dreams.

"In the silence of the receding world he heard the great waves breaking on a further shore, and felt upon his wasted brow the breath of the eternal morn."

WILLIAM J. TUCKER.

NEW YORK PASSES
FIVE MILLION MARK

New York has just achieved the distinction of being the first city in the western hemisphere, and the second in the world, to pass the 5,000,000 mark in population. The margin by which this record was gained this week was not a wide one, since according to the figures of the board of health the greater city now contains exactly 5,000,407 people. This estimate is based on the official census taken in April last year which gave New York a population of 4,766,833, so that within a period of fifteen months there has been an increase of 233,574, equal to the population of a large-sized city. Since 1898, when the population of New York was but 3,272,418, there has been an increase of 53 per cent—a striking record in itself. This great concentration of population has not been injurious to the health of New York's citizens, however. On the contrary, figures for the last thirteen years show a falling off in the death rate. According to the figures of the health department for the past week the death rate was only a fraction over 14 to each one thousand inhabitants, which is one per cent lower than the lowest record of the last thirteen years. The infant mortality among children less than one year of age was 156 in 1,000 as against 235 in the corresponding week for 1910. At the present rate of increase it is figured that New York will outstrip London and become the largest city in the world within the next 25 years.

FAVORABLE REPORTS
ON NEXT CITRUS CROP

Reports from almost every county in the state as to the citrus fruit crop for the season of 1911-12 are encouraging. Good rains during July have put the trees in good shape, and the heavy June bloom did much to increase the size of this season's yield, which otherwise would have been short on account of the severe drought during the spring. The entire citrus crop is expected to run more than 5,000,000 boxes and the season will be long, as the late bloom will prolong shipments until the middle of next June. The wonderful growth of trees since the heavy rains has been a subject of much comment, and never before has the late fruit looked so well as at the present, particularly the orange crop.

It is impossible to tell now just when the first shipment will leave the state. In past seasons, fruit has started to move by October 1, but this year there may be delay before a grower will venture to ship his fruit, as he may not know if it is ripe enough to be within the new immature fruit law which went into effect June 6. It is certain if this law is rigidly enforced that inspectors must be appointed and all groves inspected as requested by the growers, as no two sections of the state are alike when it comes to the raising of citrus fruits. In some sections the fruit matures earlier than others, some groves are irrigated, and there is a vast difference in fertilizers, which forces the fruit to maturity much faster than a non-irrigated, unfertilized grove.

The grower wants to know, before the fruit is picked, whether it is ready for shipment or not. None have any desire to learn, after the crop has been picked, that it is green and cannot be marketed under the new law. The buyer wants to know when he can market the fruit he has purchased on trees, for if he should order the grower to start to shipping and the fruit was not mature, he would be a heavy loser.

FLORIDA'S NEW
CONGRESSMANCandidates for Fourth Represent-
ative Will Soon Appear

ALL SECTIONS WANT IT

Peninsular Portion of State Has Strong
Claims for Recognition in Selection
Of New Member of House

The new Congressman to which Florida will be entitled under the reapportionment bill is causing much comment throughout the State.

The following editorial from the Tampa Tribune shows two strong predominate views:

The Pensacola News prints a very ingenious argument to the effect that Florida's Congressman at large, who will be elected next year, must come and ought to come from Pensacola. The editorial fills two whole columns of the News' space.

Inquiries have been made as to how it becomes necessary for Florida to elect a Congressman at large. The recent Legislature failed to pass a bill re-districting the State; that is making four congressional districts out of the three now in existence. A bill by Representative Mathews, which provided that the fourth Congressman from the State be elected from the State at large, was passed. Hence, all voters of Florida will have the privilege of electing a fourth member of the House. In this way, each Floridian gets the opportunity of voting for two members of Congress—one from his own district and one from the State at large.

The Congressman at large must be elected in the primaries next year, because the reapportionment measure provides that these additional Congressmen are to take their seats on March 4, 1913, the same date as the district Representatives. The election must therefore be made by primary and by the general election of next year.

The argument of the Pensacola News is based entirely on the supposition that when the Legislature does re-district the State, the fourth district will be created out of the present Third district, or West Florida, and therefore Pensacola or its immediate vicinity ought to have the privilege of naming the additional member.

The Tribune fails to see the force of the Pensacola paper's argument. It is not settled that the fourth district will be created out of the present Third district. The redistricting may be done in a different way. But, even granting that the new district will be a part of the present Third district, does this justify the claim that Pensacola alone is entitled to the honor of naming the Congressman at large?

The Tribune is very much of the opinion that the Congressman at large will come from the peninsula section of the State. The northern and the western counties have been getting the lion's share of representation in both State and National affairs and they cannot expect to keep this practice up indefinitely. At present the two Senators and two of the three Congressmen are from points north of Ocala. Is this part of the State to have no better showing than this?

This section of Florida is going to insist on a more equitable division of the offices in the future, and as a preliminary, will insist upon electing the Congressman at large. If Pensacola is to dominate the new district when it is created, all the more reason why it should not have the member elected at large. In due course of time a candidate will doubtless be produced in South Florida who will become the fourth member of our delegation in the House.

The Tribune fancies that the News has its candidate for the office ahead in mind and that its lengthy argument of Pensacola's claims is inspired by the desire to put this candidate to the fore. We can almost spell the letters of his name between the lines of the editorial in question. But he will reckon without his host. A South Florida man will be the first Congressman at large from Florida.

Auction Sale of Lots Emancipation Park

The Saint Lucie Investment Co., has platted twenty acres north of Fort Pierce Heights, on the north side of the canal, into lots fifty feet wide by one hundred and thirty-five feet long. It is the intention of the company to make this addition to Fort Pierce an exclusive colored settlement. This tract is high and level and is ideally located for this purpose, being beyond the city limits, on Third street, which has been shelled. By opening this addition for settlement by colored people the Saint Lucie Investment Co., is giving these folks an opportunity to own a home in a community of their own. The auction sale will be held two days, beginning Wednesday, August 30th, and Thursday 31st, at 1:45 p. m. Valuable presents will be given away on the grounds each day of sale. See ad on page 8.

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